



Welcome to St Thomas' Church Kendal. It's great that you are here as we gather for worship today – we love coming together as a family and pray that everyone will receive the Father's love, encounter Jesus and know the Spirit's power! If you are new please make yourself known to someone wearing a lanyard who will be delighted to help you feel at home.

Sunday 28th January 2024

Title: Christ in all the Scriptures

Title: Christ in Gods Promise for the World

Readings: Hebrews 11:8-12

Sunday 28th January 2024

09:00am Holy Communion

Preacher: Neil Carter

10.45am Morning Worship

Preacher: George Briggs

Wednesday 31st January 2024

12.00 noon Holy Communion followed by soup and cake lunch

Preacher: Brian Lock

Sunday 4th February 2024

10:00am Morning Worship with Baptism

Preacher: George Briggs

7:00pm Evening Worship

Chapter 8 Church of Tomorrow

Cedars

Monday 12th February

Please note there will not be a Cedar gathering in January. The next Cedars afternoon will be on Monday 12th February.

Men's Fish & Chip Supper and Talk *Thursday 22nd February 7pm*

Come and join us for an evening of food & fellowship as we find out about the Thirlmere Aqueduct and how water gets from Lakeland fells all the way to Manchester (as well as out of your tap).

The evening is open to all men aged 16-99 and will provide another great opportunity to get to know one another better as brothers, fathers, husbands, sons and friends. (And get a new appreciation for the water in your tap!) As before, bring your own booze, be that a soft drink, Hawkshead Bitter, or enjoy our very own tap water.

For those eating, costs are £10pp but if you can't afford that, just pay what you can. **Booking is essential!** To book your place, please message Roger Porthouse on email at roger.w.porthouse@gmail.com

Bookings close on Sunday 18thth February

Dave Chandler

We had sad news at the weekend that Dave Chandler died on Friday last week. We're shocked to lose Dave suddenly like this, but grateful he was joyful & active to the last. A service is planned for Monday 5th February at 1.30pm at church, followed by afternoon tea. We are asked not to contact Char – no cards, as her family & carers continue to work out the best thing in view of her advanced dementia. Please pray for Dave's whole family.

If you can provide a cake for the refreshments after the service. Please email Diane Holliday or be in contact with the office. Thank you.

House needed

Eric & Amporn are urgently looking for a 3 bedroom house to rent in Kendal. Their landlord is selling the house and they need to move out by 21st March. Contact: eric@ericwhitehead.me.uk

<mailto:eric@ericwhitehead.me.uk>

New Sunday morning youth group for School years 10+

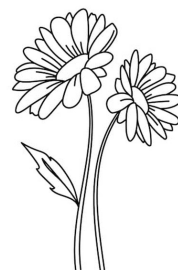
We recently started a new group for older youth which runs alongside the main service and Groovys on weeks 2 and 3 of the month. On the 4th week of the month Groovys and Kingdom will meet together in the Church Lounge. The new group 'Kingdom' will be for older youth in year 10 upwards. Those in school years 7-9 will be remaining in Groovys which will be continuing as before. Power House will also continue to be open to any young person of secondary school or 6th form age. For more details feel free to contact James at james@stkmail.org.uk

Cynthia Willes

Cynthia Willes has recently passed away, please pray for husband Tony and family. Tony and Cynthia were among those who started Cedars. A service of thanksgiving will take place next Thursday, 1st February, at 2pm at Garstang Free Methodist Church.

Sunday Flowers

Would you like to go on the flower rota for church? We would love more volunteers to go on the rota, you can do as little as one week a year. You don't have to be a florist just happy to put some flowers in a vase! If you feel this is something you can offer, please contact Pauline Kelly or the church office. Thank you.



Manna House Sponsored Swim

This year's Big Swim for Manna House is at the Kendal Leisure Centre and will be on Saturday 24th February from 2 – 4pm. The theme is Pool Pals – grab a mate or two and fancy dress together as you swim and raise funds for Manna House! A flier can be found on the church notice board, but if you want a sponsorship form, just email info@manna-house.org.uk or pick one up from Reception at Manna House.

Info for the Big Wild Swim which we are running throughout February this year is on the notice board in the lounge.




Thank you

Thank you for Christmas Day donations. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to Christmas Day at STK. There were around forty of us including team and guests. Huge thanks to Helen Whittaker and her cooks for making all of the delicious food that was served. Afterward we sang folk carols led by Nick Gray, ending the day with Breda's unforgettable musical chairs! When all of the turkeys etc had been paid for there was £325 that we were able to contribute to Kendal Food Bank.

YWAM mission trip to Romania

We're so excited for Aasha, David, Grace, Hugo, James, Martha who will be joining Elisabeth, James and the YWAM team on a short mission trip to Romania! Please be praying for the trip and for the nation of Romania. The aim of the trip is to support one of YWAM's partner churches in Romania in the work that they are doing. This will include: Children's ministry (songs, games, skits bible story, face painting etc.) Teaching English, Home visits, Practical work (painting, sorting clothes, yard work, filling bins), Church services, Evangelism in the town (for which some training will be available) To help make the trip a success, as a team we will be aiming to raise a total of £8000, with James and each young person personally raising £450 and the remaining funds to be raised through team led larger events, grants and gifts. If you would like to donate go to our fundraising page at <https://ywamharpenden.enthuse.com/pf/stkyouth> or perhaps you would like to sponsor one of the young people individually with one of their fundraising challenges.

On Sunday 11th February we will be **selling pancakes** after the service with all proceeds going towards the mission trip. Please bring cash if you would like to support the team through enjoying a pancake, with your choice of topping. For more information, contact James at james@stkmail.org.uk



Questions for reflection or groups this week on Hebrews 11.8-12:

1. Hebrews 11.1 describes faith as “the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see..” What would you say you are confident and assured of in Jesus?
2. As we are considering Christ in all the Scriptures, what threads and foretastes of the work of Christ do you see in Abraham and Sarah’s story? (e.g. in the blessing received from Melchizedek the priest (Genesis 14.17-20), in the deliverance of Lot (Genesis 18.16-33), in the substitution of a lamb for Isaac’s sacrifice (Genesis 22.1-18))
3. What part does Abraham and Sarah’s story play in preparing the way for Jesus? How does Jesus fulfill the promise God made in Genesis 12.2-3, 13.16, 15.5, 17.1-6 and 22.15-18?
4. Hebrews 11.8 describes Abraham’s obedience. What obedience does God ask of you? Is there anything, like Abraham that he is asking you to leave behind in response to his call?
5. Hebrews 11.11 honours Sarah for believing God and the legacy of that faith. What is God asking you to believe he can do through your life as you trust him?

Why not bring your thoughts, questions and answers to the last two questions to God in worship and prayer.